Multi-INT TPED Systems (MITS) Program
Consolidated Industry Question and Answer List
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Contractors participating in the two (2) MITS Industry Days and the Government-Contractor one-on-one discussion periods submitted the following questions. Government responses represent the latest information that is available as of the publication date of this document. Updated responses will be placed on the HERBB as acquisition strategies and contracting approaches are determined.

1) What is ESC/SR's view of the integration team having system developers as subcontractors?

   Answer: The MITS acquisition strategy has not been determined yet. This information will be posted after the completion of the Acquisition Strategy Panel Process currently scheduled for October 2000. If your question relates to any organizational conflict of interest matters governed by FAR Part 9.5, please relate specific facts about your proposed proposal team so that the contracting officer can assess the particular facts presented.

2) Do you plan to restrict participation of integrating contractor on system development team(s)?

   Answer: Same as answer to question 1. This question was provided to all the contractors to answer as part of a one-on-one homework assignment. This may raise organizational conflict of interest matters governed by FAR Part 9.5, as discussed in the answer to question 1. Please relate specific facts so that they may be considered by the contracting officer.

3) How do you intend to hold the integrator and developers accountable?

   Answer: Same as answer to question 1.

4) How does ESC/SR intend to assure integrated AOC operations and robust, synergistic operational capabilities with the DCGS and the other MITS products?

   Answer: Integrated AOC operations are an ESC responsibility. ESC/SR will work across the various ESC SPOs to integrate DCGS with Command and Control. The DCGS integrator will assist, as required.

5) Does ESC/SR expect the integrating contractor to perform smart simulation-based analysis?

   Answer: Use of simulation based analysis is not precluded by the Government, however the integrating contractor needs to demonstrate to the Government that the proposed simulation is both cost effective and will provide an accurate and meaningful answer.

6) How does ESC/SR plan for the DCGS and other MITS products to meet KPP allocations?

Answer: For DCGS, KPPs are defined in the ORD. When a MITS product is placed on contract the technical and performance requirements, including KPPs, will be extracted from the ORD and placed into a Technical Requirements Document (TRD) that will be part of the contract requirements. The Government will test TRD requirements before acceptance of a MITS product.

7) How does ESC/SR intend to assure the "right" INT's are correlated and fused?

Answer: The basic DCGS requirements are in the ORD and CONOPS. All System solutions will be coordinated with the User Community.

8) Why would you consider having both a SI contract and having a company perform SETA type work?

Answer: ITSP/SETA contractors provide technical and programmatic support for SRG; as such they will be involved in MITS. ITSP/SETA performs a different function than the SI contractor.

9) There appears to be duplication between the SI contract and the SETA contract. How will you differentiate tasks?

Answer: Same as answer to question 8. The SI will not provide technical and programmatic support for our contracts; the SI will provide technical support for DCGS integration activities.

10) Will there be an ITSP contract remaining after the SI contract is awarded?

Answer: Yes the ITSP contract will remain after award of the SI contract.

11) Would you consider changing the MITS task matrix to better define the role differentiation between SETA contractor and SI? Could MITRE's role also be defined?

Answer: The Government will update the MITS task matrix to include a breakout of responsibilities for MITRE and ITSP/SETA contractors in the MITS effort.

12) Have the contract types for both the developer and the SI been defined?

Answer: No, the contract types for SI and development contracts have not been determined yet.

13) Is the program schedule on track as previously defined?

Answer: Yes, the program is still on schedule for a March 01 contract award.

14) Can a company compete for both Developer and SI contracts?

Answer: The MITS acquisition strategy has not been determined yet. This information will be posted after the completion of the Acquisition Strategy Panel Process. See answer to #2.

15) The Government alluded to government furnished office space. What is the breakout between on and off-site, if at all. What is the largest contingent the Government is prepared to absorb?

Answer: It is envisioned that SI contractor personnel could be located at the SI Contractor's facility, at ESC/SRG and at the DCGS field sites (e.g., DGS 1, DGS 2). Work locations and number of personnel at each site will be determined by final SI tasking and Development contractor tasks. The Government has not considered the number, maximum or otherwise, of SI personnel to be located at ESC/SRG or WR-ALC/LR. However, because this will affect how the offerors will structure their proposal to the Government (e.g., factoring the cost of housing contractor staff), this will be analyzed as the acquisition strategy is developed.

16) What will be the basis for bidding the Developer contract (i.e. what scope of work will it include)?

Answer: The basis for bidding the Developer contract has not been determined. It has not been determined what upgrade effort, if any will be included in the Developer SOW. This will be addressed in the evaluation criteria in the solicitation.

17) Which of the potential tasks listed by Lt McKenzie are currently funded?

Answer: Specific projects that are funded have not been determined at this time, nor the applicability to the MITS or any other Government contract. These were briefed as possible MITS projects.

18) When will the document library be set up?

Answer: The document library has been established for MITS. The Operational Requirements Document (ORD) and Concept of Operations (CONOPS) are now available in the library.

19) Is the draft Roadmap for system upgrades available?

Answer: The draft Roadmap is in development and is not available at this time.

20) Most of the presentations at Industry Day focused on the exploitation aspect of TPED. Are there any requirements for TPED in the ORD?

Answer: Yes.

21) Will there be a single contractor that will fill the role of the System Integrator?

Answer: The acquisition strategy has not been determined yet. See answer to question #2.

22) Can the System Integrator also be a System Developer?

Answer: The contractual and bidding relationships of the System Developer and System Integrator have not been established.

23) Will the System Integrator have a small core team located in the program office with large oversight?

Answer: There will be a core team (the size has not been determined yet). It is unclear what is meant by "large oversight".

24) Will the System Integrator run the competitions between the System Developers?

Answer: No, the Government will be responsible for these source selections.

25) Some contractors have personnel whose SCI clearances have become inactive. Will billets be provided as part of this effort to accommodate those contractors?

Answer: The Government will sponsor clearances for those contractors selected for award of SI and Development contracts.

26) What relationship will MITRE have with the System Integrator?

Answer: MITRE is the Chief Engineer for ESC. For MITS, MITRE will also function as the System Architect and provide engineering guidance for the SPO. See answer to #11. There is no direct relationship between the SI contractor and MITRE in that only the contracting officer has the authority to direct the SI contractor.

27) How do the System Integrator and System Developers fit within the IPT structure?

Answer: They will be part of the implementation team of the IPT as required for specific MITS projects. See answer to #11.

28) Will the results of the Users conference planned for September be made available to the potential MITS contractors prior to release of the formal RFP?

Answer: There are no plans to make the results of any user conference available. These are typically Government only meetings.

29) Under what specific Program Element (PE) or Elements is RPS currently funded? What additional, if any, PEs will be used to fund MITS? What are the budgeted amounts?

Answer: The DCGS PE is the PE for funding for AF DCGS. Other Service PEs (i.e. Navy and USMC) will be used to fund products for those Services. We expect the budget amounts will be finalized by the end of October.

30) At this time, what firm System Developer activities are planned for FY01 & FY02 under MITS?

Answer: Specific projects for FY01 have not been determined.

31) Which ones will be competed among the awardees?

Answer: This has not been determined.

32) How will ESC determine when to "sole source" a task and when to compete among the cadre of System Developer contractors?

Answer: The acquisition strategy has not been developed yet.

33) Does ESC see any overlap in roles between the System Integrator and System Developer tasks (some integration tasks might be performed more efficiently by a developer)?

Answer: Any overlap will be minimized or deconflicted. See Industry Day #2 briefing. During Industry Day 2 one-on-one sessions, participating contractors were asked to comment on SI and Developer tasks. Please see the HERBB for a list of questions and instructions on how to respond.

34) Will any/all future Eagle Vision activities be contracted under MITS? Which ones will be competed and which given sole-source to the current Eagle Vision contractors?

Answer: The projects which MITS will support are not known at this time. Integration of commercial imagery is a DCGS requirement.

35) What efforts currently being performed or planned under RPS will be continued under MITS? Which ones will be competed among the new contractors?

Answer: Projects under RPS will be allowed to expire. Those RPS projects that need to continue will come under the MITS contract.